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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INDIA AND EU
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the differences between India and the European Union on major issues like textiles, classification of whisky, movement of professionals and phasing out of trade distorting subsidies continue to affect bilateral trade;

(b) if so, whether an Indo-European summit has been held at Copenhagen recently to resolve the issues; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the summit?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. In respect of India-EU bilateral trade, textiles, classification of whisky, movement of professionals, phasing out of trade distorting subsidies etc are some of the important issues that are under discussion between India and EU.These were also discussed in the meeting of the India-EU Summit held in Copenhagen on 10th October 2002.The summit meeting, interalia resolved to provide increased market access by working together in a constructive manner in seeking speedy and amicable solution to specific issues.